



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DR SUSAN GREEN

This is our fifth and final bulletin for Term 4. Thank you to all the students and staff involved in the multiple events and performances we have had in the past fortnight.

The Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day last week was smoothly run by the 2024 Year 7 Year Advisors, Michael Preston and Alexander Menyhart, the Year 7 2024 Relieving Deputy Principal, Belinda Scanlan, and Christina Argyri, our Senior Administration Manager. Eddy Plumb and Luka Foster, current Year 7 students, spoke with confidence about what Year 7 and starting high school is like. The student fashion parade, modelling the NHSPA uniform, was performed with student sartorial style.

Presentation Assemblies for each year group, are more formal year assembly presentations, led by Year Advisors each term. They are one of the many ways we celebrate success and achievement, as well as foster leadership skills. The Year 9 Presentation Assembly in St George's Hall last week was led with calm maturity by student Izzy Preller. The music performances were excellent and the students' speeches farewelling Dom Sweers, our retiring Librarian, were heartfelt and sincere.



The Dance Showcase Concert and the Gala Showcase Concert, both held at the Seymour Centre to a full audience last week, were outstanding examples of the talent of NHSPA students and the dedication and expertise of our teachers.

The Gala Showcase opened with Mozart's Requiem in D minor. Featuring our Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra, and conducted by Amber Johnson and Ynping Mak, there were over 150 students on stage. It was an extraordinary, soaring start to a stunning evening of performing arts talent.

This week I met with the Prefects for a leadership pizza lunch for what will become a regular leadership lunch each term in 2024. It is a delight to talk with the Prefects about leadership, their thoughts about complex issues, and their planned initiatives for the school.



I had the pleasure of being invited to present awards to Stage 3 at Newtown Public School's Presentation Day on Tuesday at Enmore Theatre. It was a delight to meet parents and P&C members and to celebrate success with the primary students, several of whom will be joining us at NHSPA next year.

Congratulations to the following staff on their years of service with the Department of Education.



From left: Jane Gray, HT Administration, Ynping Mak, Rel. HT Music, David Cole, Teacher HSIE Faculty, Karl Pico, Deputy Principal



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The Year 11 Transition Program, led by Year 10 Adviser Amber Johnson, is important to establish student expectations for Stage 6 and create a sense of belonging for the 19 new students starting Year 11 at NHSPA next year. The creative paper fashion show task to break the ice between the new and existing students set the fun and inclusive tone for the program.

It is our Annual Presentation Day today, held for the first time at NIDA. By the time this edition of the Bulletin is published for our community, the ceremony will have concluded. School Presentation Days are celebrations of learning. The awards and achievements remind us that success comes from effort, and that only through effort can we strive for our personal best. The outstanding success of our students in so many fields is enabled by the individual and collective skills of all our school staff and their undying commitment and sheer hard work in developing and nurturing the talents which our amazing students possess. I sincerely thank our teachers for their devotion to the students of Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

My very best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year to everyone.

Susan Green



From left: Rachel O'Neill (Retiring), Dom Sweers (extended leave), Giovanna Trenoweth (will be working with the Department of Education as Curriculum Advisor) and Sam Byrne moving to Orange with his family.

YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION MESSAGES



Former student and now parents of a new Year 7 2024

"Photo of fellow mum, Naomi, myself (in the middle) and Jared my husband on the right. I met Jared and Naomi as an undergrad music student at the Sydney Con. And I am so happy and proud to be able to show off Newtown to them now"

I graduated in 1996. I was a music student who started as a pianist but became a composer by year 12. I did 3-unit music (composition) and 3-Unit Visual Art. My composition was chosen for Encore. After Newtown, I did a BMus Hons in music composition and then a PhD in Music Composition at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. I now work as a freelance composer and as a sessional lecturer in electronic music and composition at Sydney Uni, the Sydney Con and UTS. Newtown gave me many opportunities to perform and develop my composing and creative skills. I loved all the Showcase concerts I was in and am looking forward to seeing the new cohort of students performing next year.

My daughter is an incoming music student (piano and drums). Her dad went to the Con High so seeing all the activities across dance, drama and music at Newtown will be interesting for him. He now works as a freelance drummer and teaches drum kit and percussion at Sydney Girls, St Andrews Cathedral School and Monte. Actually, if there is an opening for a drum teacher at Newtown he would apply for it. He is one of the best drummers in Sydney :)

"I got some bargains at the uniform sale and met 6 lovely mums who I went and had coffee with so my morning worked out unexpectedly well."

"This is all very exciting, thanks again for all your hard work pulling an excellent event together for both students and parents."

Thanks
Amanda (Dr Amanda Cole)



ORIENTATION DAY SPEECHES FROM CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS



Eddy Plumb

'My Newtown Experience'

Hi future year sevens. Are you all excited for year 7? Great. Today I'm here to tell you all about my experiences in year seven and how I progressed throughout this year. A year ago I was in the same place that all of you are in right now. I was very nervous yet excited for year 7. I think year 7 is like a rollercoaster because sometimes it's easy and sometimes it's hard, or sometimes it's fun and sometimes it's challenging. For example, I have never stood up and given a speech before, but I just decided I would step out of my comfort zone today. Overall, it's been a really great year. Roller coasters are not about the destination, it's about the ride.

The school that I came from is called Newtown North public school and the reason why I chose NHSPA is because it is very accepting, inclusive and creative. I play piano and loved being in my year six play and I knew that I'd be inspired to further develop in those areas at a performing arts highschool. On my year six orientation day I saw so many performances and speeches and I knew it was going to be a great school. Some of my friends from primary school came here but none of them were in my class so I had to try and make new friends. That was a bit scary at first, but now I know lots of people!

Highschool is a lot different from primary school. There are multiple teachers for different subjects now instead of one teacher, and you have performing arts subjects like music and drama. The assignments were a challenge for me at the beginning, because I left them till I only had a few days before the deadline. But now I get started on them as soon as I get them, which is a lot less stressful. In year 7 you have to be a lot more independent, I kinda learned that the hard way when I forgot my wallet or left my sports uniform at home when I needed them. There are many cool activities here but some of my favourites were gala day and camp. At camp there were a lot of fun activities like a giant swing, abseiling and many more. At gala day they have many different sports you can choose like soccer, oz tag, basketball and other sports. I chose oz tag because I like playing.

In general this school is a great school and offers many opportunities. I really recommend getting involved in all the school's activities. Once you get settled in, High School is not scary at all, in fact it's really fun. High School is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, try new things and become more independent. I look forward to welcoming you to the school but for now enjoy the rest of year 6 and your school holidays.



Luka Foster

'My Newtown Experience'

Hi everyone! I'm Luka Foster and I am approaching the end of my first year at Newtown high. Now, I know how you are all feeling because I was sitting where you are, 12 months ago, not knowing what to expect from this big new school. A little scared, a little nervous, but mostly excited. Basically what I'm feeling right now! As soon as I started, I found out there were so many fun groups I could be a part of. Bands, choirs, drama company, weapons of mass percussion, dance groups. Trust me, I could barely stay on my feet.

I'm a drama student but I also live locally, having spent 3 years at Newtown primary. My family chose NHSPA because of its creativity and its sense of belonging. And I have found it to live up lively to those expectations. Every day is something to look forward to, because there is always something happening!

What you have to look forward to in year seven is a great variety of different experiences. Some may be good, some may be challenging, but it all comes together to form a big tapestry of high school life. Let's start with camp. Camp was super fun and a great way to build relationships with new friends. The giant swing at camp was terrifying at first but as it swung into the valley, it was overwhelming beautiful. We returned back to our classes full of new friends and energy.

Year seven holds interesting subjects that offer something for every one of us. Cross stitch, cooking, art, dance, cricket, woodwork, drama, geography, ancient history, coding, algebra, story writing, swimming carnival, netball, cross country, sounds exhausting! Now I want to tell you about my experience with the extra curricular activities. It's been so fun, to be a part of extra curricular companies. For example, I did a wonderful puppetry piece where I got to learn how to make a life size puppet walk and breathe. We did a percussion performance for the year twelve graduation where I got to learn how drums work in different spaces. Our choir performed at the sharing stories night, while some of the year ten students served a three course meal they'd made to our parents.

As I finish up today I want to let you know, that NHSPA is really excited to have you. I hope I have given you a little more confidence and I hope that you are excited to come to this wonderful school! Remember, if you work hard and be kind, amazing things will happen.

WELCOME TO YEAR SEVEN!



NEWS FROM OUR PREFECTS



Hey everyone!

Thanks so much for a great term four, it's been a busy couple of weeks in the prefect team! Initiatives so far have been very successful - thank you to all of the students who showed interest in

the Addison Road Hamper project, we will be travelling to Addison Road Food Bank on the 11th of December.

We look forward to helping to bring a community spirit to Christmas in the Inner West this year! Thank you also to the students who voted on the songs that were played as the Friday afternoon end-of-school bell these past two weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know you, and hope to build on this relationship in 2024.

Have a relaxing holiday season, we can't wait to see you back for the new school year.

Happy Holidays!
The Prefects



*Last minute preparations for
Presentation Day 2023*



CONGRATULATIONS!

2023 Deadly Kids Award is presented to Aurielle Smith in Year 10

Awarded by the NSW Department of Education
Metropolitan South and West

The Award celebrates Aurielle's
deadly efforts and achievements in
School.



*Scenes from this week's
Year 9 Surf School at
Cronulla*



When she takes to the stage tonight at Qudos Bank Arena in the world's largest annual variety show, Juliette Andersen-Allen will be celebrating not just 40 years of the NSW Schools Spectacular, but also three generations of family involvement.



The clan Spectacular: from left Annette Andersen her grand-daughter Juliette Andersen-Allen and daughter Genevieve Andersen, all of whom have taken part in shows over 40 years of NSW Schools Spectacular. ALYSSA TERESE

From left Annette Andersen, her grand-daughter Juliette Anderson (Year 9) and daughter Genevieve Anderson taking part in Schools Spectacular for over 40 years

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MEDIA ARTICLES



Bella Laga'aia Year 8 and Juliette Andersen-Allen Year 9

YEAR 10 INTO 11 2024 TRANSITION DAY



Transition day for our current Year 10 and new Year 11 2024 took place this week and has been a success for all students involved as they were given a taste of Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

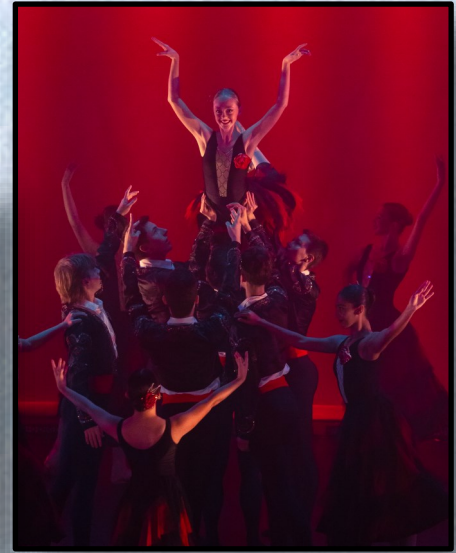
The period 1 creative paper fashion show task to break the ice between the new and existing students really set the tone for the day. We even had a new student (Darcy) brave enough to walk in the show.



Amber Johnson
Year 11 2024 Year Advisor

GALA CONCERT 1 DECEMBER AT SEYMOUR CENTRE

Some of the many highlights of the Gala Performances from our dance drama and music students and staff



LUNCHTIME LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT NHSPA



*Students, Principal, Deputy
Principal and staff
entertained the crowds!*





NHSPA CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2023



DATE	EVENT	VENUE
WEEK 9 Fri 8/12	Presentation Day, 12.00 noon	NIDA Parade Theatre 215 Anzac Parade Kensington
WEEK 10 Tue 12/12 Thur 14/12 Fri 15/12	Music HSC Elysium Concert Year 12 BBQ Last day of Term 4 2023 for all students	St George's Hall
2024 TERM 1 Thur 1/02 Fri 2/02	First day for Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 First day back for students in Years 8, 9 and 10	
2024 TERM 1 Weeks 2,3 and 4	Co-Curricular auditions Dance, Drama and Music All years	
2024 TERM 1 Tue 13/02	Swimming Carnival	
2024 TERM 1 Thur 15/02 & Friday-16/02	Year 11 Life Ready Camp	
2024 TERM 1 Wed 28/02	School Photo Day	
2024 TERM 1 Mon 04/03	School Photo Day—Catchup Day	
2024 TERM 1 Wed 20/03 Thur 21/03 Fri 22/03	Year 7 Peer Support Camp	





*Thank
you!*

*Wishing all our students, parents and
carers, safe and happy holidays.*

*Looking forward to another
exciting year in 2024*

